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BPA and IDEAS

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR INTERNS SERVING A PRE-GRADUATION PRACTICUM

Last September there was a phone conversation relative to IDAPA 16.07.20.223, which included the scope of practice for interns serving a pre-graduation practicum not described in IDAPA vs. the scope of practice for trainees described in IDAPA.

- That conversation was followed with clarification e-mails which contained the following incorrect bullet point relative to interns serving a pre-graduation practicum: *“an intern or a person who is not qualified to be a QSUDPT cannot provide direct client clinical services. He/she is restricted to shadowing and observing the clinical work of a QSUDPT in an IDHW licensed SUD facility”*.
- The bullet point should have been more correctly written as: *“an intern or a person who is not qualified to be a QSUDPT cannot provide direct client clinical services for reimbursement”* and;
- *In all such cases, direct client services must be delivered in accordance with IDAPA 16.07.20 and BPA contract requirements.*

Internships are formal agreements between an educational institution and a substance use disorders treatment agency or between an individual and a substance use disorders treatment agency established to meet educational institution requirements for graduation.

The Department has no authority to interfere in a provider's practicum site agreement with an educational institution or an individual.

If you have any questions, please contact John Kirsch at 208-334-6680.